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The above-identified U.S. patent application corresponds to European Application No. 03 02 4975.9. A Search Report issued in connection with the European application on February 17, 2004, and a copy of that Search Report is attached. The Examiner will note that the European Searcher identified two references as being relevant.

Each of those references was identified as a Category A document, and hence was considered to relate merely to the technological background of a few of the broadest claims in the European application. Neither of the references was considered to be particularly relevant when considered alone or when combined with another reference. The Annex to the European Search Report indicates that the European reference corresponds to Published U.S. Application 2001-034166.

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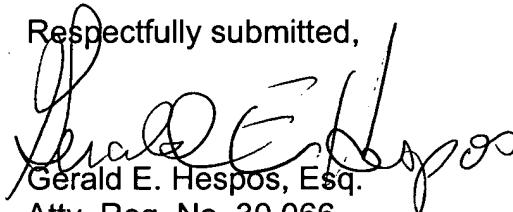
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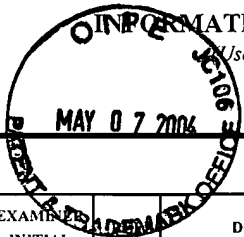
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